

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 18, 2004. Claims 31 to 66 are in the application, of which Claims 31, 56 and 61 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

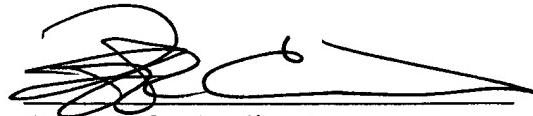
Claims 31 to 66 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 67 to 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Darrell in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,781,665 (Cullen). In addition, Claims 67 to 69 were apparently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,188,777 (Darrell), but this rejection may be a typographical error in view of the concession at page 3 of the Office action that Darrel is “silent” with respect to at least one feature of the rejected claims. In any event, Claims 67 to 69 have been canceled without conceding the correctness of the rejection, and solely to advance the case to an earlier allowance. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejection of Claims 67 to 69.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and no other matters being raised in the Office Action, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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